

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, May 20, 2013.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Jose Ruiz, student at Huntington Park Elementary School in Huntington Park. The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: None.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Jose Ruiz for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting May 20, 2013.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the following students from Huntington Park High School who participated in the City's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Government Day on May 8, 2013: 1) Carina Hernandez; 2) Alfredo Vega; 3) Brandon Garcia; 4) Ana Trujillo; 5) David Medina; 6) Thalia Alvarado; 7) Kirsten Carreon; 8) Amy Palacios; 9) Savannah Roque; 10) Crystal Silva; 11) Cynthia Maravillas; 12) Massiel Melendez; 13) Jonathan Ortiz; 14) Marvin Vargas; 15) Andrea Bermudez; 16) Alexandra Mendoza; 17) Samantha Sifuentes; 18) Veronica Velazquez; and 19) Andrea Sanchez.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following students who dedicated their time to tutoring students at Miles Elementary School: 1) Erika Gonzalez; 2) Javier Navarrette; 3) Edward Leon; 4) Anthony Mendoza; 5) Luis De Jesus; 6) Juan De Jesus; 7) Lorena Gonzalez; 8) Jolen Reid; 9) Melissa Gonzalez; 10) Andrew Gonzalez; and 11) Helen Mora.

Ivan Carrillo, representative from Senator Lara's Office, briefed City Council regarding the Youth Senators Program and introduced its participants from Huntington Park: 1) Laura Diaz, student at South Gate High School; 2) Adriana Marquez, student at Linda Marquez High School; and 3) Karla Nuñez, student at Linda Marquez High School. Mayor and City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Youth Senators Program students.

Mayor Gomez and Council Member Hernandez congratulated Rosa Mesa for being nominated as Distinguished Woman of the Year by Senator Lara's office.

Mayor Gomez opened oral communications, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on any matter of City business.

Enrique Murillo, president of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Chapter 231, addressed his concern to City Council regarding lack of police response to calls for crime. Chief of Police Cisneros responded to Mr. Murillo's concern.

Leticia Martinez, Executive Director/CEO of The Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, informed City Council of the success of Senator Lara's press conference and invited City Council to attend the 8th Annual State of the City Address at the Family Center on Wednesday, May 23, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.; and introduced the newly formed Huntington Park Coordinating Council.

Alex Reynoso briefed City Council on his educational and professional background and thanked the Huntington Park Police Department for doing a great job. Mr. Reynoso invited City Council to attend Reynoso's Hit N' Walk 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary event on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at La Villa Basque; and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Fair at the Family Center on July 6, 2013.

Edgar Gordillo addressed his concern with the lack of involvement of the City Council at a recent event at the park and lack of police presence at events.

Sonia Guzman Gonzalez addressed City Council in support of Parents with Special Needs Children for use of the park for a summer program.

Mayor Gomez recessed oral communications to bring the following item for consideration:

## 8. REGULAR AGENDA

### 8.9 Request for facility Use and fee waiver for Parents with Special Needs Children.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the request for facility use and fee waiver from Support Group for Parents with Special Needs Children for the use of the Salt Lake Park Clubroom 1 or 2 on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for nine consecutive weeks to conduct a pilot program to enhance social skills for special needs children.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the request for facility use and fee waiver from Support Group for Parents with Special Needs Children for the use of the Salt Lake Park Clubroom 1 or 2 on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for nine consecutive weeks to conduct a pilot program to enhance social skills for special needs children**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

The following individuals addressed City Council in support of Parents with Special Needs Children for use of the park for a summer program: 1) A representative from Parents with Special Needs Children; 2) Ana Carlos; 3) Myrna Cortes; 4) Ana Lidia Tisnado; 5) Norma Garcia; and 6) Ercilia Asturias.

Mayor Gomez resumed public appearances.

Linda Caraballo addressed concerns to City Council regarding an easement sold by the City and services that were eliminated at the last Council meeting.

Candelario Perez addressed concerns to City Council regarding the lack of maintenance at Rugby Plaza Senior Housing and a proposed rent increase.

Edmundo Perez addressed concerns to City Council regarding requests for records and the documentation associated with the Rugby Plaza Senior Housing project.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed concerns to City Council regarding lack of transparency in the documentation related to the Rugby Plaza Senior Housing project.

Jesus Moran inquired about the Rugby Plaza Senior Housing project and addressed his concern to City Council regarding the deteriorating condition of Salt Lake Park. Mr. Moran requested more transparency in regards to Council salaries.

Mayor Gomez recessed the meeting at 8:13 p.m. and resumed at 8:21 p.m.

Jonathan congratulated Council Member Macias on her recent achievements and addressed City Council in support of City Clerk Ramirez and the importance of the City Clerk's Office.

Gentleman addressed various concerns to City Council regarding the City's administration, lack of tree trimming throughout the City, and police patrol vehicles blocking traffic while on service calls.

Mayor Gomez called for any other oral communications, and hearing none, declared oral communications closed.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the Consent Calendar with Council Member Hernandez abstaining on the minutes of the City Council held April 15, 2013, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

## **7. HEARING**

### **7.1 Ordinance amending Title 4, Chapter 8 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by repealing the current Chapter 8 and adopting a new Chapter 8.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Open the public hearing to receive any comments.
2. Close the public hearing.
3. Adopt for second reading Ordinance No. 908-NS amending Title 4, Chapter 8 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by repealing the current Chapter 8 and adopting a new Chapter 8 was read by title. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Perez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 908-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 908-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

## **8. REGULAR AGENDA**

### **OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

#### **8.1 Resolution urging the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress to enact Comprehensive Immigration Reform.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-16 urging the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress to enact Comprehensive Immigration Reform was presented. Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-16, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

#### **8.2 Resolution declaring weeds growing in certain lots and parcels of land in the City of Huntington Park to be a public nuisance.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-17 declaring the weeds now growing upon and in front of certain lots and parcels of land in the City of Huntington Park to be a public nuisance, in accordance with California Government Code Section 39560 Et. Seq. and fixing the time for hearing protests and ordering the abatement of such nuisances was presented. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-17, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

#### **8.3 Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated May 20, 2013.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated May 20, 2013.

Linda Caraballo addressed a concern regarding the Director of Finance Morales' salary.

**8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)**

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated May 20, 2013**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**8.4 Approve payment to Martin & Chapman Co. for services related to the City of Huntington Park 2013 General Municipal Election.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Approve payment for Invoice No. 2013120 in the amount of \$38,951.90 to Martin & Chapman Co. for services related to the City of Huntington Park 2013 General Municipal Election held March 5, 2013. Motion by Amezcuita, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve payment for Invoice No. 2013120 in the amount of \$38,951.90 to Martin & Chapman Co. for services related to the City of Huntington Park 2013 General Municipal Election held March 5, 2013**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**8.5 Approve payment to Lynberg & Watkins for legal services.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve payment for Invoice Nos.: 32439, 32440, 32446, and 32447 totaling \$9,639.21 to Lynberg & Watkins for legal services rendered as of March 31, 2013. Motion by Amezcuita, seconded by Gomez, to **approve payment for Invoice Nos.: 32439, 32440, 32446, and 32447 totaling \$9,639.21 to Lynberg & Watkins for legal services rendered as of March 31, 2013**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**8.6 Resolution adopting a policy for the selection of legal and professional services related to workers compensation and general liability claims.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt policies that outline the selection process for legal and professional services for workers compensation and general liability claims.
2. Adopt a resolution establishing a policy which delegates basic claim handling of minor claims to the City Manager, Chief of Police, and Finance Director as authorized by Government Code Section 935.4.
3. Adopt a resolution establishing a policy which delegates basic claim handling of minor claims to the Public Works Director and Parks and Recreation Director as authorized by Government Code Section 935.4.

Following a PowerPoint presentation on legal services for workers compensation and general liability claims by Director of Finance Morales and a brief discussion by City Council, motion by Perez, seconded by Macias, to **approve the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority (ICRMA) approved list of law firms for workers compensation and general liability claims**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8. **REGULAR AGENDA** – (Continued)

8.7 **Approve partnership with the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition (LACBC) and authorize use of grant monies to fund bicycle related activities.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the City Manager to use METRO – Transportation Development Act (TDA), Air Quality Management District (AQMD), Asset Forfeiture and other grant monies to fund bicycle-related programs and activities.
2. Approve contract with the LACBC to provide community meetings, planning and events related to grant funded bicycle-related activities for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.
3. Authorize the City of Huntington Park to submit a Community Partnership Grant application with the LACBC to the Bikes Belong Coalition.

Director of Finance Morales displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed bicycle plan and master plan.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, **to authorize the City Manager to use METRO – Transportation Development Act (TDA), Air Quality Management District (AQMD), Asset Forfeiture and other grant monies to fund bicycle-related programs and activities; approve contract with the LACBC to provide community meetings, planning and events related to grant funded bicycle-related activities for an amount not to exceed \$20,000; and authorize the City of Huntington Park to submit a Community Partnership Grant application with the LACBC to the Bikes Belong Coalition**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcua, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

8.8 **Award Contract for Summer Food Service, After School Snack, and Supper Programs.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the agreement with Unified Nutrimeals to provide food service for the Summer Food Service, After School Snack, and Supper Programs for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Unified Nutrimeals.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, **to approve the agreement with Unified Nutrimeals to provide food service for the Summer Food Service, After School Snack, and Supper Programs for Fiscal Year 2013-2014; and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Unified Nutrimeals**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcua, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8. **REGULAR AGENDA** – (Continued)

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**8.10 Ordinance adding Chapter 20 of Title 4 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code relating to the regulation of fireworks.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt for second reading Ordinance No. 909-NS adding Chapter 20 of Title 4 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code relating to the regulation of fireworks was read by title. Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, **that reading in full of Ordinance No. 909-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 909-NS be approved for second reading and adopted**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**8.11 Resolution establishing the administrative fines for violations of Chapter 20 of Title 4 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-18 establishing the administrative fines for violations of Chapter 20 of Title 4 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code was presented. Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-20, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**8.12 Ordinance amending Chapter 21 of Title 5 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code relating to hours of operation for public parks.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt for first reading Ordinance No. 910-NS amending Chapter 21 of Title 5 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code relating to hours of operation for public parks was read by title. Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 910-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 910-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**8.13 Revised 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the revised Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and the County of Los Angeles for 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP).

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the revised Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and the County of Los Angeles for 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8. **REGULAR AGENDA** – (Continued)

8.14 **Purchase of TeleStaff by Kronos Incorporated.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the purchase of TeleStaff by Kronos, Inc. in the amount of \$50,626 using 2009 ARRA JAG grant program funds.
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement between the City of Huntington Park and the vendor upon review by the City Attorney.
3. Authorize the Finance Department to issue a purchase order to facilitate the purchase of equipment and services.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the purchase of TeleStaff by Kronos, Inc. in the amount of \$50,626 using 2009 ARRA JAG grant program funds; authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement between the City of Huntington Park and the vendor upon review by the City Attorney; and authorize the Finance Department to issue a purchase order to facilitate the purchase of equipment and services**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

8.15 **Zoe Avenue Sinkhole Emergency Repair.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-19 finding the need for an emergency contract to complete the repair of sinkholes on Zoe Avenue between Cottage Street and Albany Street was presented. Motion by Amezcuita, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-21 , carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8.16 **Los Angeles River Upper Reach 2 Sub Watershed Memorandum of Understanding.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles Gateway Regional Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority for the development of a Watershed Management Program and related documents as required by the State Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Stormwater Permit.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Perez, to **authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles Gateway Regional Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority for the development of a Watershed Management Program and related documents as required by the State Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Stormwater Permit**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

9. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 Mayor Mario Gomez

12.1-1 **Appointment of an Ad-Hoc Committee to monitor the City's Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants.** Following a discussion by City Council and there being no objection, no action was taken.

12.1-2 **Discussion and/or action regarding City Council Travel Budget.** Following a discussion by City Council and there being no objection, no action was taken.

12.2 Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez

12.2-1 **Discussion and/or action regarding protocol for awarding City Certificates and Proclamations.** Following a discussion by City Council and there being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered that the awarding of City certificates and proclamations be at the discretion of the Mayor.

12.3 Council Member Ofelia Hernandez

12.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita

12.5 Council Member Karina Macias

Council Member Hernandez excused herself from the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezquita to establish as "**subsequent need**" item, closed session for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(b): (2), as the items arose after posting of the agenda necessitating immediate attention, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Interim City Attorney Litfin requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(b): (2) and the following:



### **13. CLOSED SESSION**

13.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION,  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code  
Section 54956.9(b): (1)

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 10:09 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 10:37 p.m. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: None.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported out that no action was taken in closed session.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

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Mario Gomez, Mayor

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Rocio Martinez, Acting City Clerk